

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 2(b) and 2(c). A Replacement Sheet is also attached.

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge allowance of Claims 1-7. Claims 10-18, to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled. Claims 8 and 9 have been amended in a manner which is believed to remove the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The objection to the drawings regarding drawings FIG. 8 and 9, believed to be pages 8-9, is not understood. It is believed that tables with English language were submitted along with the response to Notice of Missing Parts filed August 4, 2004. In any event, replacement pages 8 and 9 of the drawings with English wording are attached.

With respect to Fig. 1, FIG. 2(b) and FIG. 2(c) have been amended to show cross-section lines as requested, and the specification amended to reflect the change.

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 22, 2004, Applicant notes that the wrong Abstract was inadvertently submitted with the Japanese reference. However, in addition to the Abstract, a Concise Statement of Relevancy and partial translation of Japanese Publication No. 1191-52310 was also submitted. It is believed that the Concise Statement and partial translation are sufficient for consideration of the reference. Applicants therefore requests the Examiner consider the reference as in compliance with the rules, based on the submission of the Concise Statement and partial translation.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-9, as amended, are believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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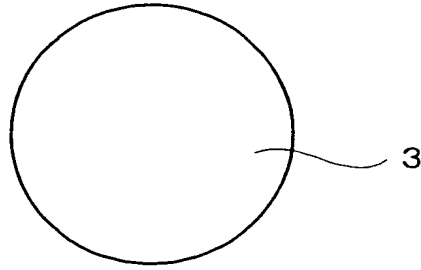
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Replacement Sheets of Drawing (Figs. 2(b) and 2(c))

Fig. 2

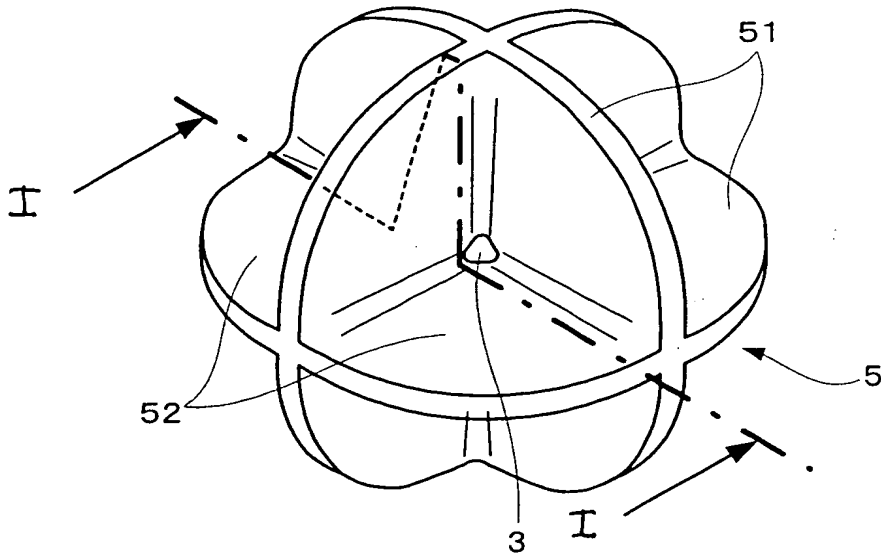


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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

(a)



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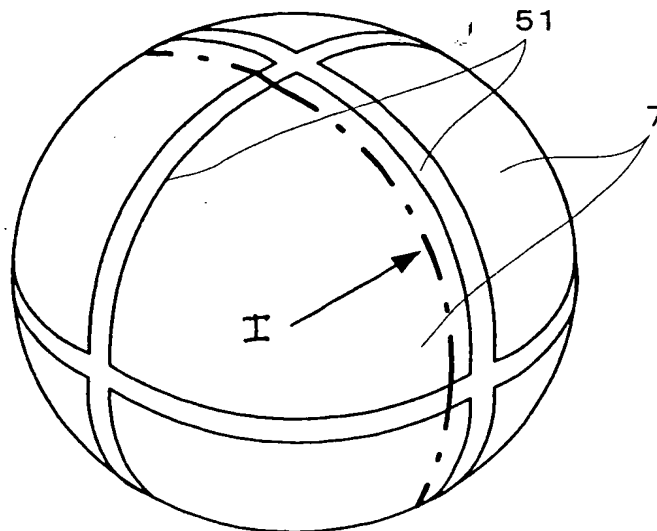
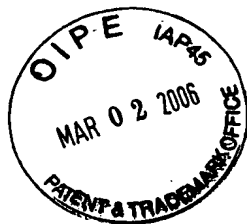
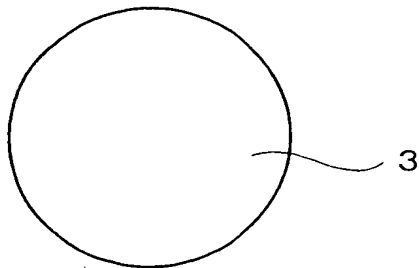


Fig. 2

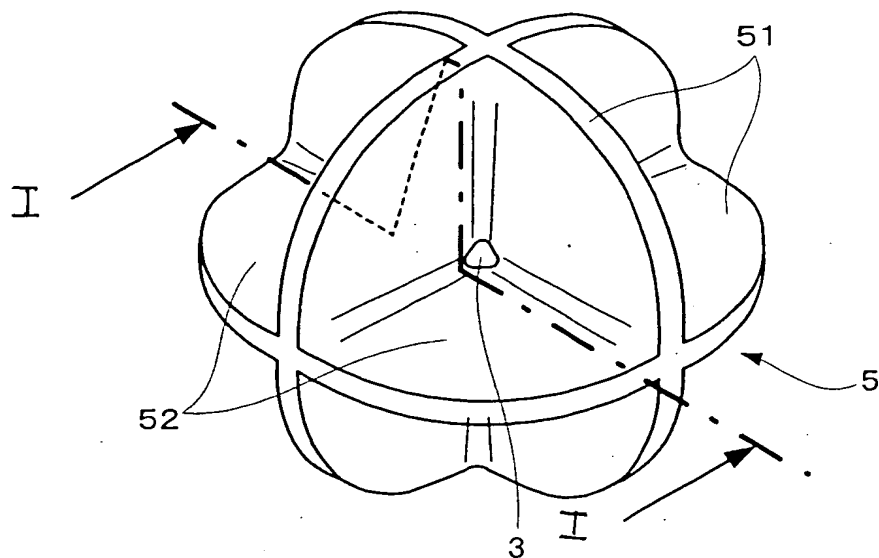


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REPLACEMENT SHEET

(a)



(b)



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